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**From:** Schmittdiel, Paula  
**Sent:** Thur 2/27/2014 11:25:57 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Animas River / Cement Ck - San Juan County Commissioner Discussion

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Martin – Steve Wharton asked me to schedule a strategy session with enforcement, site assessment and the program for next week. I am available tomorrow if you wish to discuss or the team could brief you after we have met and discussed some of the options/ responses. Let me know your preference. Thanks.

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**From:** Hestmark, Martin  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 2:17 PM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Cc:** Schmittdiel, Paula; Sisk, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: Animas River / Cement Ck - San Juan County Commissioner Discussion

I have a meeting tomorrow morning but am free the rest of the day tomorrow. Otherwise schedule thru Francie.

Initial thoughts are that we may want to take some time thinking about these questions and questions, so April would be best.

**From:** Way, Steven  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** Hestmark, Martin  
**Cc:** Schmittdiel, Paula; Sisk, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: Animas River / Cement Ck - San Juan County Commissioner Discussion

Martin,

Here are the topics that the county commissioners are wanting to discuss in a working session that would allow for discussion between the commissioners and EPA representatives. We can discuss who needs to go; they are not expecting a significant presence or a major presentation

during this meeting.

There thought is to have a broader based (other county and city governments) meeting later in the Spring following this discussion.

Let me know when you would to talk. I need to get back to the County Administrator regarding the schedule.

Steve

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**From:** William Tookey [<mailto:sanjuancounty@frontier.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:08 AM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

Whatever date works best for you is fine. If March doesn't work (12th or 26th), our daytime meeting in April is on the 9th and the evening meeting is on the 23rd.

I think the last Stakeholders meeting provided the Commissioners with a lot of good information.

I expect that some of the items the Commissioners would like to discuss would include:

What would be the role of the Commissioners if it is decided to seek Superfund designation?

If there were a superfund designation when could the cleanup work proceed?

Does the EPA have a preferred solution for cleaning up the site?

If not, what process would be used for making that determination and what role would the Stakeholders have in the process?

If Sunnyside was involved in litigation would the cleanup proceed or would it be halted until the litigation was completed?

If available, an update on the status of the Sunnyside/EPA liability issue.

From comments made at the Stakeholders meeting one could conclude that with a bulkhead in the Red and Bonita and the development of a designed wetlands might provide the necessary cleanup for the Animas without superfund designation. Is that a correct assumption? What would be the timeframe and process for completing the bulkhead and wetlands? Where is the funding coming from and when would we know if it was successful? If it doesn't work what is plan B?

I believe the Commissioners are in a place where they really want to see something happening.

I think ultimately what the Commissioners want to know is where are we going, how are we going to get there, how long will it take, how much will it cost, who is going to pay for it and if we don't like where we are when we get there then what do we do.

Just some simple basic questions of which I'm confident you will have all the answers.

If you have any questions please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Willy

**From:** Way, Steven

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:25 PM

**To:** William Tookey

**Subject:** RE: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Willy,

I will try to confirm in the next couple days if that will work – versus the late March date. It would be helpful to get a better understanding of what the commissioners want to cover in that meeting.

Let me know when a good time is to call you. My schedule is pretty full this week with our annual required training event for emergency response, etc. Early AM and late work though.

Thanks,

Steve

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:27 AM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

I have you tentatively scheduled for the Commissioners Agenda for March 12 at 9:30 am. If that doesn't work for you let me know.

Thanks,

Willy

**From:** [Way, Steven](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 4:15 PM  
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**Subject:** EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hello Willy,

It has been a while since we communicated and I am going to be in Silverton next week so I wanted to touch base. We have an ARSG meeting Thursday afternoon, and if any of the commissioners are interested in an update, I would be happy to do that possibly before the ARSG meeting. Certainly other dates in the future can be looked at if next week is not convenient.

If you have a minute to call me, we can discuss if this might be of interest.

Thank you,

Steve

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